

NATHANIEL EMERSON—CHILDREN OF.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 644.]

APRIL 13, 1860.

Mr. POTTER, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of the children of Nathaniel Emerson, deceased, an officer of the revolutionary army, praying for the amount of pension to which he and his widow were entitled, report :

That, from the evidence furnished the committee, it appears that said Nathaniel Emerson served one month as a private in Captain Joseph Parker's company, Colonel Enoch Hale's regiment, New Hampshire militia, in 1776; and that in May or June of that year he enlisted in Captain Lindsay's company, Colonel Baldwin's regiment of artificers; and when the war commenced in New Jersey, Captain Lindsay and his lieutenant left, and said Emerson was assigned, by the chief engineer, to the command, and took charge of said company until they were discharged, and continued in service until June 4, 1777, when he was discharged at Ticonderoga, by Colonel Baldwin, on account of sickness; that during the latter part of said time he served as a lieutenant under Captain Jedediah Thayer. His original honorable discharge, signed by Colonel Baldwin, is produced, and there is no doubt that the above services were performed. From a monthly return, signed by said Emerson in 1777, it appears that his pay was £12 8s., or \$25 per month. He made application for a pension in 1818, and furnished proof of the above service, (except the term for one month,) but his claim was rejected at the Pension office on the ground that his services were not continental, within the meaning of the act of March 18, 1818. It also appears, from the records of New Hampshire, that said Emerson served as lieutenant colonel in Colonel Thomas Stickney's regiment, General Stark's brigade, New Hampshire troops, from July 23 to September 28, 1777, two months and six days, including travel home from Rhode Island. It further appears that said Nathaniel Emerson was married to Dolly Dearborn, at Cheshire, New Hampshire, on the 24th day of May, 1769; and he died at Solon, Cortland county, New York, on the 20th day of September, 1828, leaving the said Dolly Emerson a widow; and she

remained such widow from that time until the 17th day of May, 1835, when she died, leaving the following children her surviving, who are her only children, viz: Joseph Emerson, Samuel Emerson, and Wilder Emerson, and that said Joseph has since died.

The committee are satisfied that the said Nathaniel Emerson did render more than one year's efficient service in the war of the revolution, a portion of the same having been strictly of a military character, and there is no dispute or doubt as to the services having been rendered; and he, as well as his widow, having applied during their lifetime for a pension, and having received nothing, and their support for many years preceding their death having devolved upon their children, your committee are in favor of allowing a pension for twelve months' service, from March 4, 1818, to his death, September 20, 1828, and the amount due his widow at the same rate, from March 4, 1831, to May 17, 1835.

REPORT.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of the children of Nathaniel Emerson, deceased, in favor of the pensionary fund, praying for the amount of pension to which the said Nathaniel Emerson was entitled, report:

That from the evidence furnished the committee, it appears that said Nathaniel Emerson served one month as a private in Captain Joseph Parker's company, Colonel Knapp's regiment, New Hampshire militia, in 1776; and that in May or June of that year he enlisted in Captain Hilditch's company, Colonel Baldwin's regiment of artillery; and when the war terminated in New Jersey, Captain Hilditch and his lieutenant left, and said Emerson was assigned by the chief sergeant, to the command, and took charge of said company, and they were discharged, and continued in service until June 4, 1777, when he was discharged at Lancaster, in Colonel Baldwin's regiment of artillery; that during the latter part of said time he served as a lieutenant under Captain Joseph Hilditch. His original honorable discharge, signed by Colonel Baldwin, is produced, and there is no doubt that the above service was performed. From a monthly receipt, signed by said Emerson in 1777, it appears that his pay was \$12 50, or \$12 per month. He made application for a year's pension in 1818, and furnished proof of the above service (except the term for one month), but his claim was rejected at the Pension Office on the ground that his service was not continuous, within the meaning of the act of March 18, 1818. It also appears from the records of New Hampshire, that said Emerson served as lieutenant colonel in Colonel Thomas Stark's regiment, General Stark's brigade, New Hampshire troops, from July 22 to September 28, 1777, two months and six days, including travel home from Rhode Island. It further appears that said Nathaniel Emerson was granted 10 days' pay, at Uxbridge, New Hampshire, on the 26th day of May, 1783; and he died at Dover, Concord county, New York, on the 20th day of September, 1828, leaving the said Sally Emerson a widow; and she